

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice or disclaimer and substitute the following claims therefor:

10. A protective helmet partially formed by a main outer shell having a longitudinal plane of symmetry P, said helmet comprising a holding and positioning arrangement adapted to be fastened to a user's head, said arrangement comprising a set of flexible straps, said holding and positioning arrangement comprising a mechanism for adjusting the length of the straps, said mechanism including a pulley device, said pulley device comprising a lever buckle arranged on the straps and a complementary return buckle.

11. <sup>2</sup> The protective helmet according to claim 10, wherein the holding and positioning arrangement comprises a chin strap constituted by a set of flexible straps, the chin strap thus being constituted by a front strap and a rear strap joining one another in a middle portion, wherein the front strap is constituted by a left portion of the front strap and of a right portion of the front strap, and the rear strap being constituted by a left portion of the rear strap and by a right portion of the rear strap, the left portions being joined at a point of convergence, while the right portions are also joined at a point of convergence, said points of convergence being adapted to be connected to one another to fasten the helmet.

12. <sup>3</sup> The protective helmet according to claim 11, wherein each of the strap portions

comprises a length adjustment mechanism.

13.<sup>4</sup> The protective helmet according to claim 1<sup>2</sup>, wherein each of the mechanisms for adjusting the strap portions includes a pulley device, said pulley device comprising a lever buckle arranged on the straps and a complementary return buckle.

14. The protective helmet according to claim 10, wherein the straps are affixed to the shell, and the complementary return buckle is affixed to the main outer shell of the helmet in an area adjacent to where the straps are affixed to the shell.

15. The protective helmet according to claim 14, wherein the straps pass through the complementary return buckle starting from the point where it is affixed to the main outer shell, pass through a guide of the lever buckle, then come back to pass in the complementary return buckle, before slidably passing again beneath a pivoting lever arm of the lever buckle, that is susceptible of blocking said slidable passing.

16.<sup>6</sup> The protective helmet according to claim 10, wherein the set of flexible straps comprises a front strap and a rear strap that is formed by a left strap portion and a right strap portion, and wherein the connection of the ends of the left and right portions of the rear strap to the shell is made at an intermediate connecting piece having the shape of an inverted Y.

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17.<sup>7</sup> The protective helmet according to claim 16,<sup>6</sup> wherein the intermediate connecting piece of the rear strap is semi-rigid, and wherein it is journaled about its point of fastening to the shell in a transverse plane orthogonal to the longitudinal plane of symmetry, so as to be able to assume the shape of the nape of the user's neck.

18.<sup>8</sup> The protective helmet according to claim 11,<sup>2</sup> wherein the chin strap comprises at least one self-connecting and self-disconnecting buckle, said self-connecting and self-disconnecting buckle being arranged at the point of convergence of the left portion of the front strap with the left portion of the rear strap.

19. A protective helmet partially formed by a main outer shell having a longitudinal plane of symmetry P, said helmet comprising a holding and positioning arrangement adapted to be fastened to a user's head, said arrangement comprising a set of flexible straps, said holding and positioning arrangement comprising a mechanism for adjusting the length of the straps, said mechanism including a pulley device, wherein the set of flexible straps comprises a front strap and a rear strap that is formed by a left strap portion and a right strap portion, and wherein the connection of the ends of the left and right portions of the rear strap to the shell is made at an intermediate connecting piece having the shape of an inverted Y.